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Campus enrollment update

Summary: Increase in degree-seeking students and students living on campus

(September 22, 2011)-At 1822, the highest total in more than 10 years, degree-seeking enrollment at Morris increased by 7.8 percent for fall 2011. Although the numbers are preliminary until the University of Minnesota Board of Regents meets in October, the increase in degree-seeking students plus nondegree-seeking students results in a total enrollment of new and continuing students at 1,934.

Applications to Morris for fall 2011 enrollment set a new all-time high for the second year in a row. New students on campus this fall include 465 first-year students, up 10.9 percent over last year. The total population consists of 88 percent Minnesota students, 10 percent out-of-state students, and 2 percent international students. Of that total, 34.4 percent is comprised of first-generation college students, and 22.8 percent is comprised of students of color.

The number of students living on campus is also on the rise. This fall, 936 students are living on campus, and residence halls are at full capacity.

Director of Admissions Bryan Herrmann notes that Morris's four-year growth trend is the result of many factors, including student satisfaction.

"We are attracting students who understand the Morris experience and appreciate its authenticity," says Herrmann. "Tuition has increased throughout higher education, but a Morris liberal arts education continues to be a very strong value for our students and their families. And once they are here on campus, students are not disappointed. Morris delivers what it promises."

Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at morris.umn.edu or call 888-866-3382.